

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 are presently pending in the application. Claims 15-21 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claim 1 has been amended to clarify the invention. Applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications directed to claims 15-21 prior to the termination of proceedings in the present application. No new matter has been added and support for the amendments to the claims can be found in the specification and drawings. Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – Double Patenting

Claims 1- 14 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-14 of copending U.S Appl. Serial No. 09/916,648 (“the ‘648 Application”). In response, Applicants are submitting herewith a Terminal Disclaimer of the statutory term of any patent granted on the instant application, which would extend beyond the expiration date of the full statutory term of any patent issuing on the ‘648 Application.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-14 are patentable over the cited art and allowance of these claims at an early date is solicited.

The Office is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 or 1.17 to AT&T Corp. Account No. 01-2745. The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (908) 707-1573 to discuss any matter concerning this application.

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